

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 2

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SUBJECT: Dayco Corp./L.E. Carpenter Company Site

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The following comments represent the Region II Biological Technical Assistance Group (BTAG) review. The document reviewed by the group was the "Wetland Mitigation Construction Final Report," prepared by RMT, Inc., dated August 28, 2005, for the Dayco Corp./L.E. Carpenter Company site located in Wharton Borough, Morris County, New Jersey.

It is indicated that no exotic species were used and only native plant species were included the Planting Plan. The emergent wetland (PEM) seed mix listed in the document includes barnyard grass (*Echinochloa crusgalli*). However, according to Grasses: An Identification Guide (Brown, Lauren. 1979. Grasses, An Identification Guide. Houghton Mifflin, Boston, MA. viii, 240 p) this species is considered "alien" and a "troublesome weed." Therefore, further information should be provided regarding the use of this species.

If you have any questions, comments, or require further information, please contact Michael Clemetson at (732) 321-6712.

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